

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday February 7, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan
Utility Division

(47) In the matter of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana January 23, 2006 filed Advice Letter No. MT-06-01. The purpose of this filing is to correct a typographical error in Docket No. N2005.8.126 which was approved September 13, 2005- Docket No. N2006.1.7:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana's Advice letter No. MT-06-01. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider.

(48) In the matter of Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 05-22. Qwest is proposing to establish a duplicate bill charge for customers' requests for bill reprints which are older than six months. Qwest provides Montana customers access to six months of bills online via myqwest.com and will continue to provide paper copies of bills that are less than six months old at no charge- Docket No. N2005.12.182:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Tariff Transmittal 05-22. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion. Both the motion and the second were withdrawn. Action was deferred on this matter to allow for staff to bring additional information to the next work session.

(49) In the matter of Qwest Remote Office ISDN PRS Bulk Offering January 20, 2006 filed Tariff Transmittal 06-02. This transmittal introduces Remote Office Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Primary Rate Service (PRS) Bulk Offering in the Qwest Montana Exchange and Network Services Tariff. This filing is designed to give customers that would like to order ISDN PRS, but are served from an office where PRS is not deployed, an affordable option for ordering service. This filing does not impact any existing Montana customers. Qwest is requesting a February 20, 2006 effective date- Docket No. N2006.1.6:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Tariff Transmittal 06-02 in Docket No. N2006.1.6. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(50) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 30, 2006. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan
Utility Division

(51) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Frontier Communications of Montana Tariff Transmittal MT-05-08 – Amend Line Extension Tariff - Docket No. N2005.12.171:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Frontier proposed line extension tariff with three modifications. First, the proposed Tariff shall be modified such that if the actual cost of the construction job exceeds the estimate, the customer can only be charged for the additional amount if the cause of the overrun was due to circumstances beyond the control of the company. The customer cannot be charged if the cause of the overrun was company error. Secondly, the Tariff shall be modified to correct the drop wire language such that it is clear Frontier pays for the drop wire itself but not for the placement of the drop wire. Third, customer notification on the possibility of cost overruns. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(52) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation, Trinsic Communications, Inc., Talk America, Inc., Metropolitan Communications of Montana, Inc., IGG Telecommunications Group, Inc., VCI Company, and SBC Long Distance, Inc. five TRO/TRRO Interconnection Agreements and two other types of amendments- Docket No. D2001.6.79, D2004.9.149, D2005.3.36, D2002.7.84, D2004.9.148, and D2005.3.38:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the following five TRO/TRRO Interconnection Agreement Amendments: D2001.6.79- Qwest Corporation/Trinsic Communications, Inc., D2004.9.149- Qwest Corporation/ Talk America, Inc., D2005.3.36- Qwest/ Metropolitan Communications of Montana, Inc., D2002.7.84-Qwest/ICG Telecommunications Group, Inc., D2004.9.148- Qwest/ SBC Long Distance, Inc. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the following two amendments: D2005.3.38- Qwest Corporation/ VCI Company- Change of Language Amendment, and D2005.3.36- Qwest

Corporation/ Metropolitan Communications of Montana- Line Splitting Amendment.
Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan
Legal Division

(53) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of City of Great Falls Petition to amend
ARM 38.5.8005- Docket No. N2006.1.11:

Commissioner Raney moved to issue a notice of opportunity to comment on the petition for
rulemaking with no hearing contemplated. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which
passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday February 8, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan
Legal Division

(54) In the matter of the Commission's discussion NorthWestern Energy Property Tax Tracker-Docket No. D2005.12.170:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the recommendations in the staff memoranda dated February 6 and 8 with the final determination on the three disallowances, an interim disallowance on one issue, transmission tax increase, and commencing a reserved issues proceeding on the interim disallowance, and prepare the order for signature. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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